(b) if so, Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) No such proposal is under consideration of the Government.

(b) Does not arise.

Unauthorised Petrol Pumps in Delhi

†*420. SHRI UDAY PRATAP SINGH: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn towards unauthorized petrol pumps operating in Delhi;

(b) if so, the number of such petrol pumps detected, so far; and

(c) the action being taken against them?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR): (a) to (c) Instances of eight alleged unauthorized (benami) operations of petrol pumps dealerships, and one such dealership allegedly set up without obtaining change in land use have come to notice in the National Capital Territory (NCT) of Delhi. While the Central Bureau of Investigation is investigating the case of wrong land use and one of the eight cases of benami operation, Indian Oil Corporation Limited (IOC) is investigating the remaining seven cases. All these petrol pumps belong to the IOC. Action in these cases will depend on the inquiry reports.

In addition, there is one petrol pump dealership of IOC ih the NCT of Delhi where the multiple dealership norm has been violated. This case is subjudice.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO UNSTARRED QUESTIONS

New international airport at Ahmedabad

2089. SHRI LEKHRAJ BACHANI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether a proposal for setting up of a new international airport at Ahmedabad is under consideration;

(b) if so, the details thereof, and

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(c) if not, whether Government would have the matter examined by a Committee of Experts?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) to (c) The State Government has written to this Ministry suggesting setting up of a new internatinoal airport at Ahmedabad. Government of Gujarat has been informed that the existing airport at Ahmedabad is suitable to cater to traffic needs of Ahmedabad for another three decades and further that if the State Government is keen to have a new greenfield airport, it could take up this project under joint venture private-public partnership subject to its viability

Expansion of Air Services from A.P.

2090. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO:
SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government of Andhra Pradesh has sent various proposals to the Ministry of Civil Aviation for introduction/ increase in frequency of flights to various destinations of the world during the last three years;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of action taken by Government on those proposals?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) to (c) Requests have been received from Government of Andhra Pradesh from time to time for introduction/increase in frequency of flights from Hyderabad to Jeddah / Dammam, Kuwait, Doha, Colombo, London etc. Hyderabad is presently available as a point of call to the designated airlines of Qatar, UAE (Emirates), Malaysia, Singapore and Sri Lanka. Airlines of these countries apart from Air India and Indian Airlines are presently connecting Hyderabad with various destinations in Gulf such as Doha, Dubai, Dammam, Jeddah, Riyadh, Kuwait, Muscat and Sharjah; Singapore Bangkok and Kualalumpur in South-East Asia and Colombo.